

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of controlling a universal remote control for remotely controlling a plurality of equipment including a display apparatus, comprising the steps of:

storing information on input buttons to be subsequently selected when an external input select button of the universal remote control is selected;

determining whether the stored information on the input buttons is information on input buttons related to selection of external inputs into the display apparatus;

changing an equipment mode of the universal remote control to a display apparatus mode when the stored information on the input buttons is the information on the input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus; and

transmitting key codes according to the stored information on the input buttons and the changed equipment mode of the universal remote control.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

storing the unchanged equipment mode of the universal remote control, which is the equipment mode before its change, when the stored

information on the input buttons is the information on the input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus; and

restoring the equipment mode of the universal remote control to the stored unchanged equipment mode of the universal remote control, after the step of transmitting the key codes according to the stored information on the input buttons and the changed equipment mode of the universal remote control.

3. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs include at least one of a select button and a cancel button.

4. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs include direction buttons.

5. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of:

transmitting key codes according to a current equipment mode of the universal remote control and the stored information on the input buttons when the stored information on the input buttons is not the information on the input

buttons related to the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus.

6. A method of controlling a universal remote control for remotely controlling a plurality of equipment including a display apparatus, comprising the steps of:

displaying a menu list for selection of external inputs into the display apparatus and storing information on input buttons to be subsequently selected when an external input select button of the universal remote control is selected;

determining whether the stored information on the input buttons is information on input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus;

changing an equipment mode of the universal remote control to a display apparatus mode when the stored information on the input buttons is the information on the input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus; and

transmitting key codes according to the stored information on the input buttons and the changed equipment mode of the universal remote control, and performing cursor movement, selection or cancellation in the menu list for the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus.

7. The method as claimed in claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

storing the unchanged equipment mode of the universal remote control, which is the equipment mode before its change, when the stored information on the input buttons is the information on the input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus; and

restoring the equipment mode of the universal remote control to the stored unchanged equipment mode of the universal remote control, after the step of transmitting the key codes according to the stored information on the input buttons and the changed equipment mode of the universal remote control.

8. The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs include at least one of a select button, a cancel button, and direction buttons.

9. A method of controlling a universal remote control for remotely controlling a plurality of equipment including a display apparatus, comprising the steps of:

displaying a menu list for selection of external inputs into the display apparatus by selecting an external input select button of the universal remote control;

changing an equipment mode of the universal remote control to a display apparatus mode when input buttons to be subsequently selected are input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus; and

performing at least one of cursor movement, selection and cancellation in the menu list for the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus according to information on the selected input buttons and the changed equipment mode of the universal remote control.

10. The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs include at least one of a select button, a cancel button, and direction buttons.